

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
 December 14, 2009

<p>A regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held December 14, 2009, at Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Gubachy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Regular Meeting 12/14/09 Call to Order</p>
<p>Present: Brenner, Caloia, Calvert, Isabell, Gubachy, Wierimaa, Wujcik, Goulet</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p>	<p>Pledge of Allegiance</p>
<p>President Gubachy spoke to:</p>	<p>President's Remarks</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed everyone for coming out tonight and asked that all phones be turned off or on vibrate. 	
<p>Superintendent Rhodes spoke to:</p>	<p>Superintendent's Remarks</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulated Bulman Elementary on their successful can food drive. The drive was held to replenish the building food pantry that assists families in need. The students collected a total of 3,189 cans of food that were collected by students. Part of it will go to the Bulman food pantry to assist Bulman families and part of it will go to the Interfaith Relief at Pearson Center that services all the people in the Redford area. • One the things that happened over the last week was the Governor withdrawing the \$127 proration that was suppose to occur in December. The Governor put the proration on "pause" pending the revenue conference on January 11th. We are hopeful that it will be better than anticipated because the \$127 on top of the \$165 will be detrimental to the district. • The other big topic of conversation in the education community is the "Race To The Top". RTTT is federal money that will be given to states through a grant process. In that grant process the allocations will be awarded based on your free and reduced lunch numbers. Redford Union's estimated allocation would be \$238,000 if Michigan gets the grant and if Redford Union participates. One of the things that is required is a memorandum of understanding signed by the Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, and the President of the Teacher's Union. The document is required by the 6th of January so that the state department can send in the information to the federal government by the 16th of January. • Another exciting opportunity for the district is a 90% reimbursement by Erate to upgrade and move the district's headend room to Pearson Education Center. There will be a meeting on December 15th to discuss the process and the RFP that will be going out for hardware infrastructure. • Diane Sevigny has taken the lead to create a strategic planning committee. Members of the current district communication team were contacted and positive about the creation of such a committee to review and plan for the future of the district in all areas. The first strategic planning committee meeting will be held on January 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the board room at central office. The 	

meeting will be open to all those interested.

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Wierimaa, to approve the December 14, 2009 agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Wujcik, to waive the reading and approve the November 9, 2009 regular meeting minutes, the November 23, 2009 special meeting minutes, the November 30, 2009 work study minutes, and the December 7, 2009 special meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Cliff Neal and Katy McDonald explained the progress and accomplishments at the Pearson Education Center. Neal and McDonald were presented a plaque at a recent conference for all the work that has been done with the most "at risk" students in the district and making AYP. Neal recognized the hard work of the staff that made this progress possible.

Presentations
Academic Achievement –
Secondary Level

Steve Beaulieu, teacher at Redford Union high school, spoke regarding AYP (annual yearly progress), as defined by the federal government who bases the AYP on the MMI testing of students. Beaulieu reviewed the national, state, and Redford Union class averages. Beaulieu emphasized the accomplishments in the reading and writing portions of the testing. Beaulieu connected a strong correlation between students that have attended Redford Union schools since elementary and higher test scores. Karen Moran, principal of Redford Union high school spoke about "failure is not an option" and the work being done to make students and parents aware of the importance of a high school diploma. Moran will begin a book study for parents on the book "Just Say Yes to No" beginning January 19th. The Superintendent recognized the hard work of the teachers, administrators and programs beginning at the elementary level and continuing through all grades for the success of Redford Union students.

Karen Moffitt distributed revenue and expense summary reports summarized by major function codes. Gubachy questioned the federal revenue funds of the report. Moffitt also provided a summary of the purchase as opposed to the cash purchase of the special education bus. Moffitt was able to obtain a 3.49% financing for the purchase of the special education bus. Moffitt informed the board of the Race To The Top and the 4 billion competitive dollars available to states that apply. The memorandum of understanding must be submitted to the intermediate school district by January 7, 2010. The funds are to be used to improve the standards and assessments of schools, data systems, effective teachers and support for struggling districts and schools. All the details have not yet been identified.

Assistant Superintendent
of Business Services
Remarks

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Wierimaa to approve the Business and Operational Services consent agenda as amended. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Business and Operational
Services

Approve payment of \$1,614,203.94 for checks dated 11/9/09 to 12/16/09.

Approve electronic transfers from the month of November 2009 in the amount of \$2,819,983.83.

Approve adoption of the appointment of the director and alternate director to the M.A.I.S.L. Joint Risk Management Trust resolution

Approve adoption of the annual summer tax resolution.

Disposition of Checks
Electronic Transfers
M.A.I.S.L. Resolution
Summer Tax Resolution

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MOVED by Brenner, seconded by Isabell to approve the following Human Resource consent agenda items as amended. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Human Resources

NEW HIRES – Coaches:

- KYLE SCHWERIN/JV Girls Basketball Coach/RUHS/12-1-09

K. Schwerin

HEALTH LEAVE:

- MASHALL BURNELL/Food Service/RUHS/12-7-09
- JANET JOHNSON/Social Worker/Kaselemis/1-19-10
- SALLY TAYLOR/Educational Assistant/Bulman/12-15-09

M. Burnell

J. Johnson

S. Taylor

CHILDCARE LEAVE

- AMY TRIPP/Teacher/Beck/Through the end of the 2009-2010 school year

A. Tripp

SEPARATIONS:

- DEANA DONATO/JV Girl Basketball Coach/RUHS/11-30-09
- CINDY HOGSTON/Bus Driver-Custodian/Transportation/2-1-10
- REBECCA MIDDLETON/Varsity Girls Swim Coach/RUHS/11-12-09

D. Donato

C. Hogston

R. Middleton

MOVED by Brenner, seconded by Isabell to approve the Educational Services consent agenda as presented: Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Educational Services

Approve adoption of 2009-2010 Great Start Readiness Program participation resolution.

Great Start Readiness
Program resolution

Calvert asked the number of students currently in the William D. Ford program. Karen Moran, principal at Redford Union high school, will get the information requested. Calvert is concerned that the Algebra/Math requirements for high school graduation required by the state need to be addressed. The staff at William D. Ford is working on integrating the algebra/math for the class of 2011.

Board of Education
Communication

Goulet announced a fund raiser at Applebee's in Northville for the class of 2010.

R. Cook, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield. Representative from the American Cancer Society informed the Board and audience on the upcoming Relay for Life of Redford Township on June 5-6, 2010 at Claude Allison Park.

Call To The Audience
R. Cook

J. Tomlin, 16534 Lexington, Redford. Parent expressed her concerns regarding the cell phone policy and sanitary issues in the gym.

J. Tomlin

Monday, January 11, 2010 – Organizational Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Redford Union High School – Media Center, 17711 Kinloch, Redford 48240

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, January 11, 2010 – Special Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, January 13, 2010 – Strategic Planning Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
John C. Raeside Administrative Services, 18499 Beech Daly, Redford 48240

Thursday, January 21, 2010 – Bond Update Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
John C. Raeside Administrative Services, 18499 Beech Daly, Redford 48240

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Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – Applicant Screening – 7:00 p.m.
John C. Raeside Administrative Services, 18499 Beech Daly, Redford 48240

Saturday, January 23, 2010 – Superintendent Interviews – 7:00 p.m.
John C. Raeside Administrative Services, 18499 Beech Daly, Redford 48240

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Brenner to move to closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations. Roll call vote: Brenner-Yes, Caloia-Yes, Calvert-Yes, Gubachy-Yes, Isabell-Yes, Wierimaa-Yes, Wujcik-Yes. Total vote: 7/0. Time: 8:35 p.m. Closed Session

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Calvert to return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried. Time: 9:55 p.m. Open Session

MOVED by Caloia, seconded by Brenner to adopt the resolution affirming support for legislative attention to funding shortfalls and cost containment legislation. Roll call vote: Brenner-Yes, Caloia-Yes, Calvert-Yes, Gubachy-Yes, Isabell-Yes, Wierimaa-Yes, Wujcik-Yes. Total vote: 7/0. Motion: Carried. Funding shortfalls & Cost Containment Resolution

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Wierimaa to approve the contract for Donna Rhodes as Interim Superintendent as presented. Roll call vote: Brenner-Yes, Caloia-No, Calvert-Yes, Gubachy-Yes, Isabell-Yes, Wierimaa-Yes, Wujcik-No. Total vote: 5/2. Motion: Carried. Interim Superintendent Contract

MOVED by Caloia, seconded by Calvert that the Superintendent and President Gubachy sign the Race To The Top document and present it to the union leadership for a signature. The document should then be sent to the State. Roll call vote: Brenner-Yes, Caloia-Yes, Calvert-Yes, Gubachy-Yes, Isabell-Yes, Wierimaa-Yes, Wujcik-Yes. Total vote: 7/0. Motion: Carried. Race To The Top Action

MOVED by Calvert, seconded by Caloia to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried. Adjourn Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Cozette Calvert, Secretary
Redford Union Board of Education